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Bristol Bay in the News: May 16, 2011

As Anglo American flexes its muscle by dropping a huge amount of money into the Pebble Mine stake, the industry gathered at an Anchorage Chamber meeting to talk about mining statewide. In total, mining companies employed 3,500 people in Alaska last year, according to the Alaska Miners Association. That's not even a third of the sustainable jobs tied to fisheries and tourism in Bristol Bay.

Bristol Bay is known for sockeye, but it's also Alaska's second largest producing region of chinook as the Kodiak Daily Mirror reports. Outdoor writer Tim Mowry says one of his summer goals is landing a salmon on a rod and reel. And thanks to the Bristol Bay Fly Fishing Academy, local Bristol Bay youth can learn how to fly fish and about the career of being a guide.

Finally, a cautionary documentary, "Salmon: Running the Gauntlet," is running on PBS stations across the country. Exploring the state of salmon on the Columbia River, it demonstrates how "our once great runs of salmon are now conceived in laboratories, raised in tanks, driven in trucks, and farmed in pens." It's so much cheaper and easier to protect healthy salmon now, rather than trying to restore them later.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Chinook Salmon: True Icon of Salmon fishery

Laine Welch

Kodiak Daily Mirror

Chinook salmon make up less than 1 percent of Alaska's total statewide harvest, but those big kings are the true icon of the salmon fishery. By far, most of the chinook salmon catch comes all year round from trollers in Southeast Alaska — 262,000 kings in 2010 at an average weight of 14.47 pounds and average price of \$4.05 per pound... [Click here to read more](#)

Mining increases Economic Clout industry says

Tim Bradner

Alaska Journal of Commerce

Mines operating in Alaska are injecting hundreds of millions of dollars into the state's economy, particularly benefiting the state's larger communities where support companies are based... [Click here to read more](#)

Tim Mowry Examines his summer Alaska to-do List

Tim Mowry

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

Even though summer isn't quite here yet, I have decided to go ahead and release my 2011 summer list of things to do. I figure the sooner I get started, the better the chance that I might actually get something checked off my list this year... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay Fly Fishing + Guide Academy 2011

May 29 to June 5, 2011 at Alaska Sportsman's Bear Trail Lodge near King Salmon

Most people who visit Bristol Bay want to fish. And most of them want to fish with a local, home-grown guide who knows the waters, the wildlife, the people and the way of life here. That's why we're training the region's young people to explore careers as guides... [Click here for details](#)

Nuna Resources – are they your friend in Bristol Bay?

River Wire Blog

Anglers at Large

Dear Hunting and Angling Supporters of Bristol Bay:

In February, we delivered a letter from over 360 hunting and angling organizations and businesses from all across the USA and a few foreign countries to the Environmental Protection Agency urging permanent protection of Bristol Bay, Alaska's biggest wild salmon fishery and one of the planet's truly premier sport fishing and hunting destinations... [Click here to read more](#)

Salmon: Running the Gauntlet

PBS stations across the country

The parallel stories of collapsing Pacific salmon populations and how biologists and engineers have become instruments in audacious experiments to replicate every stage of the fish's life cycle. Our once great runs of salmon are now conceived in laboratories, raised in tanks, driven in trucks, and farmed in pens... [Click here to watch](#)

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